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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In recognition of its continuing duty to disclose pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby submits the present Information Disclosure Statement in compliance therewith.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), enclosed herewith is a copy of 1) the Information Disclosure Statement and 2) the accompanying PTO Form 1449 filed in the application 09/849,567, which refers to and also includes Information Disclosure Statements filed in other related applications. Also enclosed are 1) the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and 2) the accompanying PTO Form 1449 filed in application 09/849,567. Application 09/849,567 was filed on August 25, 1997, now pending, to which the present application is

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related by division. Also, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the above references are not submitted herewith, as they are available in the related patent application 09/849,567 and other related applications.

Applicants are also submitting an additional reference in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants understand that the interpretation given to each reference may differ from one individual to another. The PTO is therefore encouraged to independently examine the disclosed references. While the references provided in this Information Disclosure Statement may be material pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, it shall not be construed to be an admission that the cited information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability unless specifically designated as such.

Applicants are filing the present statement pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b) insofar as this statement is being filed within three months of the filing of the application and/or before the mailing date of a first Office Action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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